

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 -5 are pending in the application.

To overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejections, a terminal disclaimer is being filed herewith.

With regard to the objections to the drawings, a new drawing sheet is submitted herewith to clearly illustrate the features of claims 2 – 5. In particular, new Fig. 13 illustrates the features of claims 2 and 3, namely that the spring has an outer diameter that is slightly greater than the inner diameter of the hose section. Similarly, Fig. 14 illustrates the features of claims 4 and 5, namely that the spring is embedded in the hose section.

Applicants have attempted to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. However, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call from him in order to be able to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes new Figs. 13 and 14. No new matter is introduced in these drawings.

Attachment: New Sheet of Drawings